Wem Rural Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 December 2018, in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem starting at 7pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Liz Vernon (Chair), Georgia Bruce, Fiona Ford, Jon Murgatroyd, Peter Slack, Len Staines and Tim Wilton-Morgan

Clerk: Carole Warner

Members of the Public: None

157/18 Public Participation Period:

None.

158/18 Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Peter Broomhall, Geoff Glover, Peter Marsh, Stella Whyte and Ruth Williams (accepted)
Shropshire Councillors Pauline Dee and Chris Mellings

159/18 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2018 were approved and signed.

160/18 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.
Cllr Vernon advised she would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 6bi (Planning) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
Cllr Slack advised he would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 7g (Finance) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.
Cllr Wilton-Morgan advised he would be leaving the meeting for Agenda item 7g (Finance) due to the perception of bias and pre-determination.

b. ***To consider any requests for Dispensation***
None

c. *Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.*

161/18 Planning

a. ***Decisions Received - noted***

i. 18/04157/FUL Coton Park Cottage, Coton, SY13 2RE
Erection of outbuilding for storage of tractor and ancillary machinery
Decision: Grant Permission

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ii. 18/04250/FUL Westview, Newtown, SY4 5UF
Formation of first floor living accommodation to include increase in height; installation of dormer doors/windows with Juliet balcony and rooflights
Decision: Grant Permission

iii. 18/03310/VAR Merryfields, Foxholes, SY4 5UJ
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to 17/03450/FUL to extend the length of the wall from 12m to 22m
Decision: Grant Permission

b. Applications Received

Cllr Vernon left the meeting

Cllr Slack chaired the meeting for the following item

i. 18/04985/FUL The Moat Shed, Cafe and Visitor Centre At, Northwood Hall, Northwood, SY4 5NU
Extension to existing visitor centre and cafe to provide additional kitchen, office and staff facilities
It was resolved to support the application subject to any recommendations by the statutory consultees being conditional to any consent.

Cllr Vernon re-joined the meeting

i. 18/05212/FUL Brook Farm, Coton, Whitchurch, SY13 3LJ
Erection of extension and alterations
It was resolved to support the application.

162/18 Parish Clerk's Report:

a. Skills Audit

The collated Skills Audit was noted. The Clerk would use the responses to review training requirements.

b. Council Performance Review

The Clerk had circulated the Review prior to the meeting. Twinning with a similar sized Parish Council would be progressed with SALC in the new year.

c. Newsletter

The Clerk advised the next edition was with the printers.

d. Wemian

The Clerk advised an article on the Parish Council had been included in the Winter edition

e. Wem Economic Forum

The Clerk advised the website and email address were now live.

f. Quina Brook/Pepper Street

The Clerk advised that following recent events the Police had confirmed that Officers were carrying out speed enforcement in the area so there will be an increased Police presence when able.

163/18 Financial Matters:

a. ***Balances for Information***

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£1,090.28
SALC	£65.00
C&SPA	£8.00

c. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Staines reported he had agreed and signed the bank reconciliation

d. Budget 2019/20

General discussion took place.

e. Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant

The terms of the Grant were noted. Whether the Council would apply at a future date would be reviewed.

f. Community Infrastructure Levy

It was noted a meeting to consider CIL and Place Plans was to take place the following week.

Cllrs Slack and Wilton-Morgan left the meeting

g. Grant Applications

Following review of the applications it was resolved to grant:
£300 to Wem Christmas Lights and Festival
£400 to Newtown Community and Recreation Association
£400 to Newtown Church.
£400 to Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery
£500 to Wem Scouts
£500 to Coton Cricket Club (match funding basis)

Cllrs Slack and Wilton-Morgan re-joined the meeting

164/18 Parish Council's Action Plan

The Action Plan was reviewed, and updates noted. The Clerk confirmed the Plan was available on the Council's website for all to inspect.

a. Newtown School car parking

The Clerk advised Plans had been received from Shropshire Council and she had met with the School and NCRA. It was agreed to seek quotes to give an indication of cost.

b. Community Plan refresh

The Clerk advised feedback on new objectives had been sought through the newsletter.

165/18 Councillor Reports:

a. Parish Councillors

None.

b. Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings had submitted a written report.

166/18 Parish Matters

a. Round Meadow/Ash Grove

The Clerk advised she had met with Severnside Housing and they had confirmed additional planting would take place in the Spring.

b. West Mercia PCC's Annual Town and Parish Council Survey 2018 Summary Report

The report was noted.

167/18 Highways

a. Soulton Bridge

Following a site meeting Shropshire Council Highways Engineer had submitted 2 schemes for additional signage at the Bridge for consideration.

It was resolved to support Option 1, the scheme with the least signage.

168/18 Date of future meeting and to consider agenda items:

8 January 2019 Agenda items: Local Plan Review and Automated External Defibrillators

The Chair, Cllr Vernon, declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed…….. Date……